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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  <b>NVN444AGC</b>	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  <b>09/04/2008</b>
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Y 000	Initial Comments  This Statement of Deficiencies was generated as a result of the annual State Licensure survey conducted in your facility on 9/4/08. This State Licensure survey was conducted by the authority of NRS 449.150, Powers of the Health Division.  The facility is licensed for six Residential Facility for Group beds for elderly and disabled persons, Category I residents. The census at the time of the survey was six. Six resident files were reviewed and three employee files were reviewed. One discharge file was reviewed.  The following deficiencies were identified:	Y 000		
Y 103 SS=E	449.200(1)(d) Personnel File - NAC 441A  NAC 449.200 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a separate personnel file must be kept for each member of the staff of a facility and must include: (d) The health certificates required pursuant to chapter 441A of NAC for the employee.  This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: NAC 441A.375 Medical facilities, facilities for the dependent and homes for individual residential care: Management of cases and suspected cases; surveillance and testing of employees; counseling and preventive treatment. 1. A case having tuberculosis or suspected case considered to have tuberculosis in a medical facility or a facility for the dependent must be managed in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as	Y 103		

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Y 103	Continued From page 1  adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200. 2. A medical facility, a facility for the dependent or a home for individual residential care shall maintain surveillance of employees of the facility or home for tuberculosis and tuberculosis infection. The surveillance of employees must be conducted in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for preventing the transmission of tuberculosis in facilities providing health care set forth in the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200. 3. Before initial employment, a person employed in a medical facility, a facility for the dependent or a home for individual residential care shall have a: a: (a) Physical examination or certification from a licensed physician that the person is in a state of good health, is free from active tuberculosis and any other communicable disease in a contagious stage; and (b) Tuberculosis screening test within the preceding 12 months, including persons with a history of bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccination. If the employee has only completed the first step of a 2-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test within the preceding 12 months, then the second step of the 2-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test or other single-step tuberculosis screening test must be administered. A single annual tuberculosis screening test must be administered thereafter, unless the medical director of the facility or his designee or another licensed physician determines that the risk of exposure is appropriate for a lesser frequency of testing and documents that determination. The risk of	Y 103			

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Y 103	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>exposure and corresponding frequency of examination must be determined by following the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> <p>4. An employee with a documented history of a positive tuberculosis screening test is exempt from screening with skin tests or chest radiographs unless he develops symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis.</p> <p>5. A person who demonstrates a positive tuberculosis screening test administered pursuant to subsection 3 shall submit to a chest radiograph and medical evaluation for active tuberculosis.</p> <p>6. Counseling and preventive treatment must be offered to a person with a positive tuberculosis screening test in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> <p>7. A medical facility shall maintain surveillance of employees for the development of pulmonary symptoms. A person with a history of tuberculosis or a positive tuberculosis screening test shall report promptly to the infection control specialist, if any, or to the director or other person in charge of the medical facility if the medical facility has not designated an infection control specialist, when any pulmonary symptoms develop. If symptoms of tuberculosis are present, the employee shall be evaluated for tuberculosis.</p> <p>Based on record review on 9/4/08, the facility did not ensure that 1 of 3 employees had the required tuberculosis (TB) documentation.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Employee #2: Date of hire 3/27/08. The</p>	Y 103		

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Y 103	Continued From page 3  employee's file contained a negative chest x-ray report dated 5/14/08. The file did not contain evidence in the form of a positive skin test or a physician statement that the resident had tested positive for TB. The file did not contain the results of a physical examination or a physician certification that the employee was in a state of good health, was free from active TB and any communicable disease in a contagious stage.  Severity: 2 Scope: 2	Y 103		
Y 936 SS=D	449.2749(1)(e) Resident file  NAC 449.2749 1. A separate file must be maintained for each resident of a residential facility and retained for at least 5 years after he permanently leaves the facility. The file must be kept locked in a place that is resistant to fire and is protected against unauthorized use. The file must contain all records, letters, assessments, medical information and any other information related to the resident, including without limitation: (e) Evidence of compliance with the provisions of chapter 441A of NRS and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.  This Regulation is not met as evidenced by: NAC 441A.380 Admission of persons to certain medical facilities, facilities for the dependent or homes for individual residential care: Testing; respiratory isolation; medical treatment; counseling and preventive treatment; documentation. (NRS 441A.120) 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, before admitting a person to a medical facility for extended care, skilled nursing or intermediate care, the staff of the facility shall ensure that a	Y 936		

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Y 936	Continued From page 4  chest radiograph of the person has been taken within 30 days preceding admission to the facility. 2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the staff of a facility for the dependent, a home for individual residential care or a medical facility for extended care, skilled nursing or intermediate care shall: (a) Before admitting a person to the facility or home, determine if the person: (1) Has had a cough for more than 3 weeks; (2) Has a cough which is productive; (3) Has blood in his sputum; (4) Has a fever which is not associated with a cold, flu or other apparent illness; (5) Is experiencing night sweats; (6) Is experiencing unexplained weight loss; or (7) Has been in close contact with a person who has active tuberculosis. (b) Within 24 hours after a person, including a person with a history of bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccination, is admitted to the facility or home, ensure that the person has a tuberculosis screening test, unless there is not a person qualified to administer the test in the facility or home when the patient is admitted. If there is not a person qualified to administer the test in the facility or home when the person is admitted, the staff of the facility or home shall ensure that the test is performed within 24 hours after a qualified person arrives at the facility or home or within 5 days after the patient is admitted, whichever is sooner. (c) If the person has only completed the first step of a two-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test within the 12 months preceding admission, ensure that the person has a second two-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test or other single-step tuberculosis screening test. After a person has had an initial tuberculosis screening test, the facility or home shall ensure that the person has	Y 936			

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Y 936	Continued From page 5  a single tuberculosis screening test annually thereafter, unless the medical director or his designee or another licensed physician determines that the risk of exposure is appropriate for a lesser frequency of testing and documents that determination. The risk of exposure and corresponding frequency of examination must be determined by following the guidelines as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200. 3. A person with a documented history of a positive tuberculosis screening test is exempt from skin testing and routine annual chest radiographs, but the staff of the facility or home shall ensure that the person is evaluated at least annually for the presence or absence of symptoms of tuberculosis. 4. If the staff of the facility or home determines that a person has had a cough for more than 3 weeks and that he has one or more of the other symptoms described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the person may be admitted to the facility or home if the staff keeps the person in respiratory isolation in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200 until a health care provider determines whether the person has active tuberculosis. If the staff is not able to keep the person in respiratory isolation, the staff shall not admit the person until a health care provider determines that the person does not have active tuberculosis. 5. If a test or evaluation indicates that a person has suspected or active tuberculosis, the staff of the facility or home shall not admit the person to the facility or home or, if he has already been admitted, shall not allow the person to remain in the facility or home, unless the facility or home keeps the person in respiratory isolation. The	Y 936			

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Y 936	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>person must be kept in respiratory isolation until a health care provider determines that the person does not have active tuberculosis or certifies that, although the person has active tuberculosis, he is no longer infectious. A health care provider shall not certify that a person with active tuberculosis is not infectious unless the health care provider has obtained not less than three consecutive negative sputum AFIB smears which were collected on separate days.</p> <p>6. If a test indicates that a person who has been or will be admitted to a facility or home has active tuberculosis, the staff of the facility or home shall ensure that the person is treated for the disease in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the counseling of, and effective treatment for, a person having active tuberculosis. The recommendations are set forth in the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> <p>7. The staff of the facility or home shall ensure that counseling and preventive treatment are offered to each person with a positive tuberculosis screening test in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as adopted by reference in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 441A.200.</p> <p>8. The staff of the facility or home shall ensure that any action carried out pursuant to this section and the results thereof are documented in the person ' s medical record.</p> <p>(Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, eff. 1-24-92; A 3-28-96; R084-06, 7-14-2006)</p> <p>Based on record review and interview on 9/4/08, the facility did not ensure that 1 of 6 residents had received the required tuberculosis (TB) skin</p>	Y 936		

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Y 936	Continued From page 7  testing.  Findings include:  Resident #4: Date of admission 3/21/08. The file contained documentation the resident completed the required two-step TB skin testing on 7/7/07. The file did not contain proof the resident received an annual one-step TB skin test for July of 2008. To comply with NAC 441A, the resident needs to complete an additional two-step TB skin test.  Severity: 2 Scope: 1	Y 936		

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